



## **State of Arizona Acupuncture Board of Examiners**

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### **REGULAR MEETING**

**October 24, 2007**

### **MINUTES**

#### **Board Members Present:**

Della Estrada, L.Ac., Chairman

Toni Bernalley, L.Ac., Professional Member

Diane Pruetz, Public Member

Joe Balensi, L.Ac., Professional Member (by telephone)

Toni Karnas, Public Member

#### **Board Members Absent:**

Rebecca Wilks, MD, MD(H), Professional Member

Ross Adelman, Public Member

Michael J. Robb, D.C., Professional Member

Yong Deng, L.Ac., Professional Member

#### **Attorney General Representative:**

Seth Hargraves

#### **Administrative Staff:**

Pete Gonzalez, Executive Director

### **I. Call to Order**

Chairman Estrada called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

### **II. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest**

Board Member Della Estrada declared a conflict on the certificate application of Debra Pierce and Fred Ortega.

### **III. Discussion and Approval of Minutes**

Board Member Bernalley moved the adoption of the minutes for the September 26, 2007 board meeting with Board Member Pruetz providing a second. The Board approved the motion with a 5-0 vote.

### **IV. Complaints/Investigations**

Complaint #2007-009 (UP) re: Edmund Wong--Wong's Acupuncture Center  
Response from Mr. Wong

Executive Director Gonzalez explained this anonymous complaint filed against Edmund Wong alleging that he is practicing acupuncture without a license. A letter has been sent to Mr. Wong asking him to cease practicing acupuncture until he secures a license. A second letter has been sent to Mr. Wong asking him to explain to the Board on how he intends to address this matter. Included in this letter was notification that he must stop practicing acupuncture immediately.

Assistant Attorney General Hargraves advised the Board on what steps the Board may take on this issue. If Mr. Wong does not cease practicing without a license, an injunction could be sought to prevent Mr. Wong from practicing.

Board Member Pruetz moved the motion to close the file with the understanding that periodic calls to Mr. Wong will be made to ensure that his commitment to close his practice is maintained. Board Member Karnas seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0.

### **V. Applications for Licensure**

Board Member Pruetz moved for the approval of the applicants for licensure listed below with Board Member Bernalley providing a second. The Board approved the motion with a 5-0 vote.

Susanti Cai  
Jeremy M. Breach  
Jill R. Darban  
Hyoung Joo Seo  
Catherine A. Koehne

### **VI. Applications for Auricular Certification**

Board Member Pruetz moved for the approval of the applicant for auricular certification listed below with Board Member Karnas providing a second. The Board approved the motion 5-0.

Kikyshia V. Jones

Mark A. Chavarria  
Marylyn Valencia

The applications for Debra S. Pierce and Fred Ortega were tabled until the next board meeting.

## **VII. Other Applications / Requests - Continuing Education**

Board Member Pruetz moved for the approval of the Continuing Education Courses listed below. Board Member Bennalley provided a second. The Board approved the motion 5-0.

“Love, Serve and Succeed—Life and Business Success for AOM Professionals” presented by Michael Gaeta for 3.5 continuing education units to be provided November 16, 2007 in Phoenix.

“Treating Chronic Diseases with Classical Chinese Herbal Formulas: The Research from Japan and China you Can Apply in Your Practice” presented by Dr. Dan Wen for 3 continuing education units to be provided December 7, 2007 in Phoenix.

“Diagnosing Without Needing to Ask: Clinical Face and Body Reading” presented by Joseph Garner, L.Ac., for 3 continuing education units to be provided January 18, 2008 in Phoenix.

“Enhancing Clinical Outcomes: Chinese Medical Application for Super Foods” presented by Don Matesz, L.Ac., for 3 continuing education units to be provided March 13, 2008 in Phoenix.

“Fibromyalgia: The Definitive Seminar” presented by Daniel A. Wasserman for 6 continuing education units to be provided May 10, 2008 in Phoenix.

“Orthopedic Applications of Scalp Points” presented by Lloyd G. Wright for 1 continuing education unit to be provided November 17, 2007 in Tucson.

The following continuing education course application was tabled until the next board meeting in November.

“Healing Community Trauma-How to Do Mobile Group Acupuncture for Disasters and Other Traumatic Situations-An Acupuncturists Without Borders Training” presented by Diana Fried for 15 continuing education units to be provided April 19-20, 2008 in Phoenix.

## **VIII. Professional Business**

The Executive Director provided the Board with a presentation on the upcoming Sunset Review of the Board conducted the Legislature. The Joint Committees of Reference from the Arizona House and Senate Health Committees will hold their hearing on Tuesday, November 6, at 9:30 a.m. in Senate Hearing room #1.

## **IX. Executive Director Report**

The Executive Director reviewed the written report distributed to the Board. The Executive Director presented the Board with a status report on the number of active Licensed Acupuncturists (439) and certified Auricular Acupuncturists (60) in the state.

Director Gonzalez informed the Board that 828 individuals visited the Board website during the month of September.

The Board was notified of the new link (to the Secretary of State's website) found on the Board's web site regarding the proposed rules to be heard November 28, 2007 at 1 p.m. At this meeting, the Board will be holding an oral proceeding to allow for comments from the public on the proposed rule changes.

## **X. Future Meeting Dates**

November 28, 2007

December 19, 2007

## **XI. Call to the Public**

Ms. Patricia Martin addressed the Board and spoke on the proclamations from Governor Napolitano and Phoenix Mayor Gordon designating October 24, 2007 as Acupuncture and Asian Medicine Day.


## **XII. Discussion of Items to be placed on a future meeting agenda**

None at this time.

## **XIII. Adjournment**

Board Member Pruetz moved for adjournment and Board Member Balensi provided a second. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0. The Board adjourned at 1:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Pete Gonzalez  
Executive Director

Approved by the Board: November 28, 2007